

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



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**Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..**

**Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.**

**Christian Day School: Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

## *The Fifth Sunday of Easter Mothers' Day*

### **As We Gather**

On Mothers' Day it is important for us to remember that God has established the family. He has given the gift of mothers. We especially thank God for the gift of Christian mothers who have the wisdom to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Today we remember God's Word in the Fourth Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Hymn - "Church of God, Elect and Glorious" .....Hymn 646

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
  
- 2 God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv'lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3       Once you were an alien people,  
           Strangers to God’s heart of love;  
       But He brought you home in mercy,  
           Citizens of heav’n above.  
       Let His love flow out to others,  
           Let them feel a Father’s care;  
       That they too may know His welcome  
           And His countless blessings share.

4       Church of God, elect and holy,  
           Be the people He intends;  
       Strong in faith and swift to answer  
           Each command your Master sends:  
       Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
           Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
       Give your lives in joyful service—  
           Sing His praise, His love declare.

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# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**.....Page 151

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P**     In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C**     **Amen.**

**P**     If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C**     **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and Unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit



Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

**I will extol you, O Lord, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

**O Lord, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to  
the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a |  
lifetime.\***

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the |  
morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*  
 his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

*Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1*

Kyrie.....Page 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

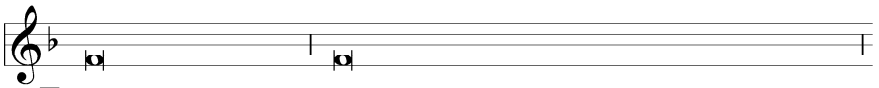
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



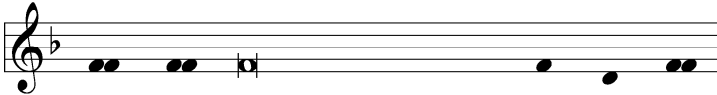
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

Hymn of Praise ~ "This is the Feast" .....Page 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

Salutation.....Page 156

- P** The Lord be with you
- C** **And also with you.**

**Collect of the Day**

- P** Let us pray  
 O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Reading from the Book of Concord

*Luther's Large Catechism; Part II*  
*The Apostles' Creed, Article III. 55, 56*

Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: we shall daily receive in the Church nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs, to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here. So even though we have sins, the grace of the Holy Spirit does not allow them to harm us. For we are in the Christian Church, where there is nothing but continuous, uninterrupted forgiveness of sin. This is because God forgives us and because we forgive, bear with, and help one another [Galatians 6:1-2].

But outside of this Christian Church, where the Gospel is not found, there is no forgiveness, as also there can be no holiness. Therefore, all who seek and wish to earn holiness not through Gospel and forgiveness of sin, but by their works, have expelled and severed themselves from this Church [Galatians 5:4].

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### First Lesson

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>7:2</sup>And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . <sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."



<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

## Epistle Lesson

## 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.


**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

**C** **Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.**

*Rom. 6:9; John 14:23*

### Alleluia and Verse



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, a square icon with the letter 'C' is followed by the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below it, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

### Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father

except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?” <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn ~ “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” .....Hymn 633

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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Sermon  
"A Precious Stone Chosen by God"  
1 Peter 2:2-10

Apostle's Creed .....Page 158

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

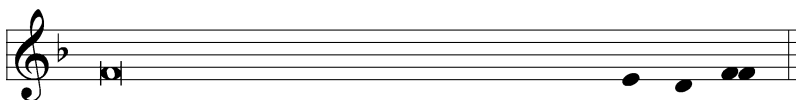
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer for the Church

Lord's Prayer

**☉ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction.....Page 166



**☐** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn - "You Are the Way; through You Alone" .....Hymn 526

- 1 You are the way; through You alone  
Can we the Father find;  
In You, O Christ, has God revealed  
His heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
You only can inform the mind  
And purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb  
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,  
And those who put their trust in You  
Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win  
Whose joys eternal flow.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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